

SAN RAMON CITY REPORT



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New E-Information Service Connects Residents Wirelessly

The City of Ramon recently launched its new email and digital subscription service to enhance the way City residents receive and access municipal information.

The new “E - San Ramon” allows residents to subscribe to topics of interest and receive free, instant email alerts when the information is updated. The system also functions as a free Public Alert System that allows for instant, individual notification in emergency situations.

“We’re very proud to be the first city in Contra Costa County to offer this kind of service to our citizens,” said Mayor Abram Wilson. “It exemplifies our ongoing commitment to provide efficient delivery of quality public services to those who live and work in San Ramon, through an accessible and responsive city government. The city is constantly looking for innovative ways to expand and improve our digital community. This new system offers personalized email and text message updates from our city, putting you in control of the types of information you receive, the time frame in which it is communicated, and the means by which it is delivered.”

Signing up is free, easy, and risk-free. To subscribe, visit www.sanramon.ca.gov. The only information required is an email address, and subscribers can change their subscription details or cancel the service at any time.



Going Back to School - On Us!



Getting your child to school can be easier and more economical than you may think with several school transportation programs sponsored by the City of San Ramon. Funded through Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Measure J, the City offers a number of student transportation incentives including:

Public Transportation - Transit Ticket Program: Students are eligible to receive two free 12-ride County Connection transit passes (limited to 2 passes per student per school year). Passes are good on all County Connection bus routes.

On-Line Carpool to School Ridematching: Visit www.pooltoschool.org. Once registered, parents will receive emails with names/email addresses of other interested parents looking to form a carpool. Parents are only matched with families whose children attend schools in the San Ramon Valley and have registered for the on-line carpool to school ridematching services.

California High School – Carpool to School Program: Students who carpool to California High School are eligible to receive a free \$10.00 gas card. Students must register with the Cal High Parking Permit program to be eligible. Contact Cal High at 803-3200.

TRAFFIX program ready to roll...

The new TRAFFIX student transportation program is up and running. A total of seven San Ramon schools, including Pine Valley, County Club, Neil Armstrong and Walt Disney receive service. Cost of the program is \$250 per year/per student.

For more information contact Aram Boyd, TRAFFIX Contract Program Manager at (925) 680-2726 or www.ridetraffix.com.

Free 2-day recycling drop-off event

Where: Bishop Ranch 1 East (Road next to Iron Horse Trail @ Bollinger Canyon Road)

When: Saturday, 9/19 & Sunday, 9/20 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Donate: To Goodwill Industries of the Greater East Bay - Gently used clothing, shoes, books, toys, and housewares. Some items such as car seats, mattresses, or cribs are not accepted. Call (510) 698-7200 or visit www.eastbaygoodwill.org for more information about what can be donated.

Recycle: Green waste, clean wood waste (no paint or stain), cardboard, scrap metal, paper, bottles, cans, plastic containers #1-#7

Compost: Free bag (25 lbs) of compost for San Ramon residents -while supply lasts.

E-Waste: Recycle T.V.'s, computer monitors, CD's/DVD's, computer systems, copy/fax machines, fluorescent bulbs, household batteries, microwave ovens, phones and batteries, printers, scanners, stereos, video games, and wiring. Call Universal Waste Management at (888) 832-9839 or visit www.unwaste.com for more information.



ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES HAVE CITY "SEEING GREEN"

The City of San Ramon is implementing sustainable or "green" policies and programs to promote energy conservation, sustainable development and recycling in our community. During the past few years the City has been very proactive in developing green programs. Some of these programs include:

- Increased residential recycling options
- New free recycling programs for multi-family units
- Composting programs and use of compost in city parks and landscaping to minimize water loss
- Green Building Guidelines for new construction
- Increased commercial recycling options for businesses
- E-waste and recycling events in San Ramon



As part of the General Plan 2030 Update, the City will develop new policies that promote the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and identify strategies to meet the required emission reductions set by the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.

The City uses energy saving devices in areas such as lighting, computers, windows, window coverings, roofing materials and HVAC systems. This fall, the City is beginning to convert streetlight and parking lot lighting to LED lighting technology which will reduce energy costs by approximately 50%. The City uses water conservation technology in parks and landscaping.

To assist our businesses, the City recently created a "Green Business Guide." The Guide is meant to be a starting point for businesses looking to reduce operating costs and become greener. Look for the Bay Area Green Business Program logo at participating businesses. Currently there are 18 certified Green Businesses in San Ramon.

These are just a few of the green steps the City is taking to save energy and money. We encourage our residents and businesses to consider making green practices part of their daily activities.

'Crime Free' Business Program NOW available to all San Ramon businesses

The Crime Free Business Program is designed to reduce crime in and around retail and service businesses and provide a safe work environment for employees, customers and employers, all while increasing your bottom line. Sounds intriguing right? This program enhances the relationship between the police and the local business community while helping the businesses take control of their livelihoods.

Crime Free Business gives retail and service establishments proven strategies to reduce the likelihood of being a victim of crime. There are three simple phases to becoming certified as a Crime Free Business. The first step is a 2-hour training session for business owners and/or managers. The second and third phase consists of a police department security evaluation of the property and an on-site follow-up. This program is offered FREE to all businesses located in the City of San Ramon.

There are many benefits of being a certified Crime Free Business:

- improved safety and security to business owners and managers, employees, and customers.
- access to program materials, including employee training brochures, video, manual and decals.
- updated and ongoing information on local crime and crime prevention strategies and invitations to "Crime Free" special events.

To participate in the Crime Free Business program, sign up for one of the bi-monthly trainings by contacting Darlene Kittredge, Crime Prevention Specialist @ 925-973-2796 or email DKittredge@sanramon.ca.gov. Sign up today to start your certification. Some insurance companies even offer discounts to fully certified properties! Get certified and save!

City Park Improvements on Tap

Several City parks and recreational facilities will get facelifts this year thanks to voter-approved funds through the East Bay Regional Park District.

- San Ramon Central Park Playground and Participatory Fountain Renovation
- Red Willow Park Playground Renovation
- Forest Home Farms Education Center

The San Ramon Central Park Playground and Participatory Fountain Renovation will start late Fall 2009 and finish by Spring 2010. The project involves upgrading and replacing several aspects of the playground, while leaving some features intact (such as the mushroom fountain and creek water play element). The Red Willow Playground renovation, which is scheduled to start Winter 2010 and finish by Spring 2010, involves total removal and replacement of the existing play structure. The Education Center at Forest Home Farms will begin this summer and be completed by June 2010. The California and Historic Endowment is providing partial funding for this project.

Everyone is Welcome!

The City of San Ramon and the Public Services Department invite you to attend a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at the new Dougherty Valley Service Center.

Where: 2011 Rancho Park Loop Road off of Dougherty Road.

Date: Saturday, September 12

Ribbon Cutting at 10:00 a.m.
Open House until 2:00 pm.

Drop in for food and music, tours of the new facility, and to learn more about the operations of the Public Services Department and see demonstrations of the specialized equipment used to keep San Ramon looking great.



Fall 2009 Elections

The City of San Ramon will hold an election on November 3, 2009.

The City Clerk's office encourages all new residents to register to vote. If you have moved within the City of San Ramon, you will need to re-register in order to vote. The last day to register to vote is October 19, 2009.

Remember - Voting is your right and responsibility!



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A DAY IN HIS LIFE
Saturday, December 5 at 8pm
John Lennon tribute show.



CABARET
Friday, March 19 at 8pm

CIRQUE LE MASQUE
Friday, April 9 at 8pm



SEASON TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

For Tickets Call 925.973.ARTS
Online at www.SanRamonPerformingArts.com
Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center Box Office
10550 Albion Rd, San Ramon
Tuesday - Friday 10am - 6pm



KC & THE SUNSHINE BAND
Friday, May 7 at 8pm

Contact Information

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Dave Hudson, Vice Mayor
Jim Livingstone, Councilmember
Scott Perkins, Councilmember
Carol J. Rowley, Councilmember

City Council 973-2530
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Department Services:

Building 973-2580
Business License 973-2510
City Clerk 973-2539
Economic Development 973-2554
Employee Services 973-2503
Engineering 973-2670
Passport Services 973-2533
Planning 973-2560
Police 973-2700
Police Sub Station (Dougherty Station) 973-3300
Public Services 973-2800
Transportation 973-2650

Facilities:

Dougherty Station
Community Center 973-3350
Dougherty Station Library 973-3380
Dougherty Valley
Aquatic Center 973-3335
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Performing Arts Center 973-ARTS
San Ramon Community Center
and Central Park 973-3200
San Ramon Library 973-2850
San Ramon Olympic Pool 973-3240
San Ramon Senior Center 973-3250

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